

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for issuing an installation key to a software user for installing software on a computer, comprising the following steps of:

5 notifying from the user to a sales company of the user's ID information;

communicating the notified ID information from said sales company to an authorizing agency to request the confirmation of the user having notified said ID
10 information;

confirming said user in said authorizing agency in accordance with said notified ID information to communicate the result of confirmation to said sales company; and

15 producing in said sales company an installation key uniquely corresponding to said user on the basis of said ID information for issuing said installation key to said user if the user is confirmed to be the legitimate user.

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2. A method for issuing an installation key according to Claim 1, wherein said authorizing agency is a credit company, and said ID information is the credit information of said user's own regarding the
25 credit card issued by said credit company to said user, and said installation key is produced in said issuance step by operating a designated calculation in

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accordance with said credit information.

3. A method for issuing an installation key according to Claim 2, wherein said credit information contains the card number, the card holder's name; and the validity of use, and the designated calculation is operated at least for one of said card number, card holder's name, and validity of use in order to produce said installation key.

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4. A method for issuing an installation key according to Claim 2, wherein the sales company further notifies said authorizing agency of the price of said software, and said authorizing agency confirms the authorized use of the card in accordance with the notified price and the limit set for the amount of use, and informs said sales company of the result thereof, and said sales company executes said step of issuance if said user is confirmed to be the legitimate user and the use of card is notified to be approved.

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5. A method for issuing an installation key according to Claim 1, further comprising the following steps of:

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inputting the installation key and said ID information into an installer;

producing an installation key from the inputted ID

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information by use of said installer to compare the
produced installation key and the inputted installation
key; and

executing installation by use of said installer if
5 the comparison results in agreement in said comparing
step.

6. A system for issuing an installation key for
installing software on a computer comprising:

10 means for acquiring ID information from a user;

means for communicating the acquired ID
information to an authorizing agency to confirm the
user having notified said ID information; and

means for producing an installation key uniquely
15 corresponding to said user in accordance with said ID
information for issuing said installation key to said
user if said user is confirmed by said authorizing
agency to be the legitimate user.

20 7. A program of installation key issuance for
controlling a computer to issue an installation key for
installing software on a computer comprising the
following codes for causing the computer to perform:

a step of acquiring ID information from a user;

25 a step of communicating the acquired ID
information to an authorizing agency to confirm the
user having notified said ID information; and

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5 a step of producing an installation key uniquely
corresponding to said user in accordance with said ID
information for issuing said installation key to said
user if said user is confirmed by said authorizing
agency to be the legitimate user.

8. An installing method for installing software
on a computer system, comprising the steps of:

10 displaying the installation screen of said
software by actuating an installer;

inputting the installation key issued by a sales
company and the ID information of the computer user
into the input columns on said installer screen; and

15 producing a key uniquely corresponding to said
computer user in accordance with said ID information
for comparison with said installation key, and
executing the installation of said software if these
are in agreement.

20 9. An installation program for controlling the
computer of a computer system for installing software
comprising the codes for causing the computer to
perform:

25 a step of displaying the installation screen of
said software;

a step of inputting the installation key issued by
a sales company and the ID information of the computer

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a sales company and the ID information of the computer user into said installation screen; and

- a step of producing a key uniquely corresponding to said computer user in accordance with said ID
- 5 information for comparison with said installation key, and executing the installation of said software if these are in agreement.

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